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## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 were originally presented in the subject application. Claims 1-5 were amended and claim 6 added in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application. Claim 7 was added in an Amendment and Response dated February 5, 2004, and claims 8-31 added in a Supplemental Amendment and Response dated March 25, 2004. No claims have herein been amended or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-31 remain in this case.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the ground of rejection.

## **Double Patenting**

The Office Action rejected claims 1-7 and 14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,426. In response, Applicants include herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,026,426, which is commonly owned by the assignee of this application.

The Office Action also rejected claims 8-31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,052,712. In response, Applicants include herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,052,712, which is commonly owned by the assignee of this application.

The Office Action also rejected claims 8-31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 3-27 of U.S. Patent No. 5,768,538. In response, Applicants include herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 5,768,538, which is commonly owned by the assignee of this application.

Therefore, Applicants submit that the above-noted double patenting rejections are overcome.

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## CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Applicants maintain that the claims of the subject application define patentable subject matter and carnestly requests allowance of claims 1-31.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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